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SUBJ: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: SEPTEMBER 11 DISCUSSION  
ON COMMODITIES

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL ON COMMODITIES, AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SUB-GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON EVENING SEPTEMBER 11 RAN THROUGH FOR THE SECOND TIME SECTIONS OF G-77 PAPER AND TEXTS OF OTHERS DEALING WITH COMMODITIES. MAJOR DISCUSSION POINT WAS PARAGRAPH CONTAINING OPERATIVE LANGUAGE INTRODUCING LIST OF MEASURE. IN THE FACE OF UNACCEPTABLE G-77 DRAFT AND VARIOUS COUNTER-PROPOSALS BY EC AND CANADA WHICH  
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WERE ALSO UNACCEPTABLE TO US, WE INTRODUCED ON A

"TENTATIVE" AND "AD REFERENDUM" BASIS LANGUAGE IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. G-77 SPOKESMAN LAI (MALAYSIA) WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH THIS TEXT, BUT MADE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS WHICH GREATLY STRENGTHENED THE COMMITMENT WHICH SIGNATORIES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF US PROPOSAL FOR PARA (A) 1. OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECTION READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: DECISIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT BEFORE AND AT UNCTAD IV ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF MARKETS OF RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ON ELEMENTS OF AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM WHICH ARE READY FOR DECISION. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO: UNQUOTE. WE MADE CLEAR WHILE INTRODUCING IT: (A) IT WAS TENTATIVE AND STRICTLY AD REFERENDUM; (B) THAT OUR FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF ITS OR SOME OTHER VERSION WOULD DEPEND IMPORTANTLY UPON THE LIST OF MEASURES WHICH FOLLOWED IT; AND (C) THAT WE INTENDED TO ASK (AS WE DID SUBSEQUENTLY IN MEETING) THAT US PROPOSALS ON COMMODITY/PRODUCER FORUMS AND THE DEVELOPMENT SECURITY FACILITY, BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST THAT FOLLOWS THIS LANGUAGE.

3. LAI, WHOM WE HAD SHOWED TEXT TO EARLIER IN THE DAY AND WHO HAD IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OUR INTRODUCTION OF THE TEXT CONSULTED WITH SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE G-77, TOOK THE TEXT AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HE MADE SEVERAL IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS, HOWEVER, ALL OF WHICH WERE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMITMENT WHICH THOSE AGREEING WOULD BE UNDERTAKING. HE PROPOSED THAT DECISIONS BE "REACHED," RATHER THAN "SOUGHT." HE PROPOSED THE PHRASE "RESTRUCTURING OF MARKETS," RATHER THAN "IMPROVEMENT OF MARKETS." HE PROPOSED THAT THE WORDS "ELEMENTS OF" BE REPLACED BY "THE APPLICATION OF." FINALLY, HE ASKED THAT THE WORDS "WHICH ARE READY FOR DECISION" BE DROPPED.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSION SHOWED THAT EC GENERALLY SYSPATHETIC TO PROPOSED US TEXT, ALTHOUGH IT TOO WAS WILLING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DROP THE WORDS "WHICH ARE READY FOR DECISION." SWEDEN AND NEW ZEALAND MADE EFFORTS TO CUT BACK TEXT CLOSER TO G-77 AMENDMENTS.

5. COMMENT: WITH INTRODUCTION OF US LANGUAGE AND LAI'S RESPONSE, THERE IS NOW SOME MOVEMENT ON WHAT WE CONSIDER THE KEY LANGUAGE IN THE COMMODITIES SECTION. BUT THE GAP IS STILL WIDE AND WE AND MOST OTHER DC'S ARE STILL

LARGE DISTANCE FROM G-77 TEXT ON MEASURES TO FOLLOW THIS LANGUAGE. SOME OF LAI'S SUGGESTIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO AFFECT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US PROPOSAL (I.E., DROPPING THE WORDS "WHICH ARE READY FOR DECISION"), WHILE OTHERS STILL ALLOW US TO KEEP OPEN US OPTIONS ON AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM WHEN IT IS TAKEN UP AT UNCTAD IV. AND LANGUAGE WHICH LAI HAS ACCEPTED ENABLES US TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR DECISIONS IN OTHER FORUMS, WITH OR WITHOUT UNCTAD ENDORSEMENT. POSSIBLE DRAWBACKS INCLUDE MAINTENANCE OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM FRAMEWORK AND, OF COURSE, "RESTRUCTURING" OF MARKETS.

6. REQUEST IMMEDIATE TELEPHONIC RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE AND LAI'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, SINCE GROUP DUE TO RECONVENE AT 11:00 A.M.  
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